

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 163

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Merritt Baddley, Jr., United States Air Force (Ret.) of Springfield.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Merritt Baddley, Jr., United States Air Force (Ret.); and

WHEREAS, Henry Baddley was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Clarksville on December 16, 1938, Henry Baddley was the son of Henry Merritt Baddley, Sr., and Lillian Owen Baddley; he graduated from Austin Peay State University in 1961 and was drafted into the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, upon joining the Air Force, Mr. Baddley enrolled as a student at the University of Washington in Seattle, where he earned a degree in meteorology; he retired from his military position as the Weather Support Coordinator for the Worldwide Weather Center in Omaha, Nebraska, after twenty-five years of service; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from the Air Force, Henry Baddley began a career in banking that spanned seventeen years; he ultimately retired from Legend's Bank in Clarksville in 2004; and

WHEREAS, his military career having instilled in him a lifelong love of travel, Mr. Baddley traveled extensively with his family after his retirement, when he was not babysitting his grandchildren—his favorite job of all; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baddley was an active member of the United Methodist Church, and he served as a Boy Scout leader and member of the Clarksville Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Henry Baddley was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his loving wife of sixty years, Linda Head Baddley, Mr. Baddley is survived by his daughter, Melissa Baddley Gass, and his grandchildren, Caleb Gass, Ashley Gass, Bailey Gass, and Emily Gass; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; his son, James Merritt Baddley; his maternal grandparents, David S. and Tom Owen; and his paternal grandparents, Hugh and Elizabeth Baddley; and

WHEREAS, Henry Baddley leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Henry Merritt Baddley, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Baddley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.